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**First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement  
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Listed on accompanying Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The numbering on this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of the numbering in Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 22, 2006 in connection with the above-captioned application.

Copies of documents **FP4-FP17** and **NPL4-NPL18** are submitted. However, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), copies of U.S. patents, documents **US3-US13**, cited on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A are not submitted.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), Applicants' undersigned representative submits the following discussion of the relevance of the non-English language document **FP17** cited on Form PTO/SB/08A:

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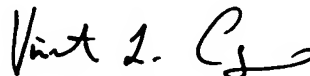
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